

in Germany and take their chance of survival with the German people. Soviet Russia would look askance at 185,000 anti-Soviet people mixing in with the Germans. And from the Allied military point of view, I was asked: "Having destroyed the Third Reich why should we now give to the German people such fine physique? That would help them to create a Fourth or Fifth Reich with an even physically stronger "master race".

Rudolph Ratsep, the Estonian leader, showed me a speech he had written for their national holiday. Here is a paragraph from it .

"We are deeply thankful to those who are taking care of us until our status is settled again. It would be so easy to abandon us to our fate, and yet we are being fed, clothed and sheltered and there is so little we can do to show our gratitude. We wish with all our hearts to be able to repay, by our own industry, everything that is being done for us!"

Use Old Raid Shelters

A tour of his community revealed the neat and businesslike way these exiled people are recreating a home life themselves in wooden huts. They are using subterranean tunnels, which formerly were air raid shelters, for workshops, store-rooms and exhibitions of arts and crafts. Above float the three national flags.

The Estonians put on a spectacular floor show in national costume. Blonde and brunette girls and straight, slim-hipped handsome young -men danced together in quaintly named quadrillos. There was the Bear Dance, the Gypsy Dance, the Naughty Children dance and finally a dance for boys only, the Angry Bulls dance.

The group I saw would have scored great success in any circus. But you cannot take care of 87,000 persons that way. That is the number there are in the American zone. The British have more than 90,000. The French have 5,500 and may be able to absorb them.

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AMONG OUR FRIENDS ...

ARNOLD ROSENBLOOM

First it was Miriam winning one scholarship after another, now, her little bro (over six feet of handsome hunk of man) is doing the same. He was graduated from Hyde Park High in June of '46 and was voted by the class as (1) the outstanding student of the entire class of 550. (2) He received the Renssler Medal from Renssler College for having received straight S's in Math and Science throughout the four years of High School, and (3) he was awarded a full scholarship to Illinois Institute of Technology in competitive exams, receiving second place in an all Chicago area. Boy! You're simply good, Arni, more power to you.

HUMAN GUINEA PIG

John Carroll Jackson, native Iowan from Burlington, is having an odd job with Northwestern University Medical Nutrition Laboratory of being a human Guinea Pig. He is not permitted to eat any food that contains calcium, and he is kept indoors from sun rise to sun set, lest he see the sun. As a result, he is becoming a night hawk instead of a guinea pig. He is a good folk dancer and spent some time at the U. of Mexico where he learned Mexican dances. During the war he was stationed in a CPS camp in Trenton, N. D. He is interested in the sign language of the mutes and hopes to teach them folk dancing through the sign language. He attends regularly the folk dance sessions at International House.

THE GRIN OF HAPPINESS



Why not? Patsy is a splendid girl and George is a grand guy and both make a fine couple. The new Mrs. Lavell, nee McNamara, is one of our LYS'rs and close friend of Lil and of all the gang of mine. She helped us on VILTIS and VILTIS extends the heartiest congratulations to Pat and George. Sister Jackie McNamara is seen in the background between the newly weds.

ART DIRECTOR AT HULL HOUSE

After spending several years in Washington, D. C., where he was employed by the Navy Department, Michele Gamboni returned to Chicago and obtained a position at the world famous settlement, Hull House. Michele is an excellent artist and ye editors' office has many of his oils, etchings and wood and linoleum blocks. As a teenager, Mike excelled in his art to so great a degree that he won a scholarship to study art in Spain and France. He is one of the editor's earliest friends and belonged to his group as a star male dancer. Michele was a protege of the noted late Jane Adams.

CHARLOTTE SARETT ENGAGED

This will be news to many LYS, Int. House and other VILTI'ite friends of beautiful Charlotte Sarett. There must have been a method to her madness for wanting to spend her vacation in San Francisco, for she came back engaged — with a ring glittering on her finger. Her man is George Saunders of Santa Monica, California, a writer. Charlotte plans to be married in a few months and live in California. More details in the next issue. Meanwhile, Congratulations!

MORE ABOUT THE KAUPAS'

Handsome Eddie Kaupas who was a lifeguard during the summer, was selected by the Red Cross organization for a ten day camping vacation and extra training in first aid and aquatics, held in Primson, Minnesota. From there he went to Wisconsin to spend a few days vacationing with relatives. About the end of September will join the Army. We shall surely miss him around here . . . Brother Victor is home in Chicago on a three week vacation before returning to his studies in forestry at Ames, Iowa, where he studied this summer. Vic was in the Army Air Force for almost five years . . . Sister Julia, a former WAC, is studying dress designing at the Vogue School; while Stella is just a plain "working girl". All of them are FF vets.

DOCTORING AT THE ENGLEWOOD

Dr. Frank Johnson, ophthalmologist, who was a Captain in the army, obtained a position at the Englewood Hospital, Chicago. Besides his medical accomplishment, he is a superb pianist and a great folk dancer. His wife, Doris, holds a position at the Lying-In hospital of the University of Chicago.

BILL BROOKS

After a few weeks at the Co-op camp of Circle Pines, in Michigan, Bill Brooks, LYS and Int. House folk dancer, left for Stillwater, Okla., where he will study at the A and M College. Bill was in the Navy and stationed mostly in the Aleutians; also a folk festival vet. Bill helped to mail out the belated August issue of VILTIS. At the A and M we have a VILTI'ite Phys. Ed. instructor, Miss Jane Levine, who is an excellent dancer. You two better get together.

LITH. MR. AMERICA

The handsomest and best built man in the United States, selected as Mr. America, is the youthful Lithuanian lad from Cicero, suburb of Chicago, Allan Steponaitis. Alan was a Sea Bee before his discharge, and only 22 years old. Al Urban, world's foremost physique photographer, was one of the judges.

BURT IS IN THE ARMY

Our pal St. Clair Burton (better known as Burt) who for several years was a Merchant Mariner, and after worked on the railroad, was drafted recently into the Army. Before entering the service he took a trip to Los Angeles, Cal., and to Canada where he visited his sister.

SHOCKING LETTERS

Ye editors mail from N.D. is shocking! Whether the letter is written by Victor Schmidt, Lee Vern Brotherton, Lyle Rostad, Donavon Nickel or others, all tell the same story: "We are working long hours shocking the fields". More power to you laddies. Remember, it is only during the harvest time that you get a chance to shock fields. Besides being good farmers the above boys also good musicians. Victor Schmidt plays the guitar and saxophone. Lee Vern Brotherton is an excellent pianist while Lyle Rostad is an accordionist.

A Busy Lady

After returning from the Canadian Rockies and all the enchanting parks of our own Rockies, Mrs. Evanson attended the National Cooperative Health Conference in Two Harbors, Minnesota. Others present were Dr. Coady of Nova Scotia and Dr. Shadid of Elk City, Oklahoma. There they succeeded in organizing a national federation of voluntary health groups.

On the 27th Mrs. Evanson passed through Chicago on the way to Lafayette, Ind., where she delivered a discourse before the American Institute of Cooperation at Purdue University. My what a man what woman is!

By the way, Chuckie Evanson received his private license as a pilot and is now working toward a commercial.

VACATIONISTS

Mrs. Alfred Boand spend a few interesting weeks vacationing in her home town in Virginia . . . Mrs. William Stuersel of Fairhope, Ala., visited her friends in Taylorville, Ill., and her son Herman, wife Mary and their children Bill and Becky, at Columbia City, Indiana . . . Jerry Bures, Czech folk dancer, is vacationing in Burbank, California . . . Helen Daneliak, who is studying in Boston, Mass., and is also a folk dance instructor at the Peabody Play House of that city, is expected to spend the month of September in Chicago, her home. She is one of the top-notch Polish dancers of NW.

The "Personality plus" lad, Bill Black and mother, from Bloomington, Ill., were in Chicago to attend the Tribune Chicagoland Music Festival which they enjoyed greatly. A visit was paid to ye editor... Shirley Skolnik, the gal full of "Wim Wigor and Vitality" spent two weeks at Bass Lake, Indiana to get more of the same.

Came back in time to be present at the Int. House affair... Miriam Marcus, Chicagoan who is having an important position at Hunters College. Former seat of the UN is in Chicago for several months. She too was at the Int. House affair and is now taking part in the folk dancing... Alfredo Manat the graceful dancer of Int. House who now holds a professorial position at Howe Military School in Howe, Ind., spent his summer in Chicago doing all the folk dancing he can and is one of the Filipino folk dancers. John Glass, former big chief with the Coast Guard, traveled from Portsmouth, Ohio, to Little Rhode Island, then down via New York and Eastern Atlantic coast to Savannah, Ga., and on to Chicago where he visited Mike Carlisle and ye editor. He also attended a Legion meet in Cleveland, Ohio. Johnny is a teacher in a Portsmouth high school.

Miss Constance Fisher of St. Paul, Minn., spent her vacation in St. Louis, Mo. and along the lakes of Northern Minnesota... Bernice Flammang, Jamestown, N. D., spent ten days in good old Minot and in pleasant company... The Peltons from Pasadena, Cal., and former Int. Housers of the U. of C., spent a few delightful weeks in Chicago and points East. Mrs. Allan Pelton is the former Katherine Shaible.

Chaplain and Mrs. Rodney Shaw, stationed at Ft. Louis, Wash., spent their leave traveling through the scenic spots of Lake Tahoe, Mt. Lassen Volcanic Park, Shasta Dam and Mt. Shasta, Crater Lake, Mt. Hood and along the Columbia River Drive to Portland, Oregon. They also visited Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Park, camping in tents wherever they landed. At Crater Lake, the Captain and his wife were visited by a Brer Bear twice.

AS FOR MYSELF

With the dancing of Blezdingele (The Swallow — Lithuanian autumnal dance of farewell to the fields) and with joined hands the singing of Viva La compagine, our last session at the International Peace Gardens on the Canadian border of North Dakota came to a close.

We traveled through Chippewa Indian farm lands and passed the cities of Dunseith, Botteneau, Souris and Mohall, and finally reached Minot, third largest city in N. D., where Lyle Rostad and his folks came to take Vernon Rostad and me to their home in Roseglen, 60 miles South. And of all things... even in N. D. I met several people I knew, including Mrs. Nicheporenko, from Butte. After a delicious dinner with the Anton Rostads, and shopping in the big city, we left for the Rostad home where I had a delightful two day visit. We had a Junior Farmers Union Recreational party, did folk dancing and met many new friends.

That night the Rostad homestead was invaded by skunks which killed dozens of chickens. A skunk hunt ensued. I never experienced near contact with a live skunk and I never imagined that the odor of skunk was actually as powerful as folk were wont to say. Well, I believe now.

N. D. is still thickly populated with wild life; not only skunks, but badgers, minks, cotton tails, coyotes, prairie dogs, deer and many others, not to mention birds: Whippr-wills, bob 'o links, magpies, black birds, red winged black birds, meadow larks, prairie chickens, grouse and pheasants. The pheasants seem to be numerous — broods walking boldly across the highways surrounded and "protected" by the gaily feathered and handsome cock. A hunters paradise.

Near Roseglen is another large Indian Reservation,